



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ehlers

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Examiner:

For: APPARATUS FOR SHAPING THE OUTPUT BEAMS OF ONE OR MORE
SEMICONDUCTOR LASERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,
please amend the application as follows:

I. IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification at page 1 by inserting the following new paragraph
between the paragraph entitled "Related Applications" and the paragraph entitled "Field of the
Invention":

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

This invention was made with government support under Contract No. F29601-01-2-066
awarded by the United States Air Force, DET8AFRL/PKDL. The Government has
certain rights in this invention.